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REMARKS

I. Summary of the Office Action and this Reply

Claims 1-4 and 6-31 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 7-10, 16, 18-20 and 22, stating that such claims are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11-15, 17, 21 and 23-31 stand rejected.

In this Reply, claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 18 are rewritten in independent form, and are thus allowable. Claims 1, 4 and 23-31 have been canceled. The remaining claims depend, or have been amended to depend, from an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 2, 3, and 7-22 are patentable and the application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,

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